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SUBJECT: TIN - US RELATIONS WITH ITC

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1. AS UN MEMBER USG PARTICIPATED FULLY IN ALL FOUR TIN CONFERENCES ESTABLISHING TIN AGREEMENTS AND HELPED DRAFT MUCH OF AGREEMENT LANGUAGE. AFTER EACH AGREEMENT COMPLETED, USG GAVE SERIOUS STUDY TO JOINING ITC BUT COULD FIND NO SUPPORT FOR ADHERENCE TO AGREEMENT AMONG US TIN INDUSTRY. WITHOUT SUCH INDUSTRY SUPPORT CONGRESS WOULD NEVER APPROVE USG PARTICIPATION.

2. USG COOPERATES FULLY WITH ITC IN FURNISHING COMPLETE DATA ON US TIN INDUSTRY AND HAS OBTAINED US EXPERTS FOR
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PARTICIPATION IN ITC SEMINARS. DATA ON CONSUMPTION WE SUBMIT MONTHLY ARE MOST COMPLETE FIGURES ITC RECEIVES FROM ANY COUNTRY. (ALTHOUGH MEMBER OF ITC, USSR SUBMITS NO SOVIET DATA ON CONSUMPTION OR PRODUCTION.)

3. BEFORE INITIATION OF STOCKPILE DISPOSALS, USG RECEIVED TWO ITC DELEGATIONS FOR CONSULTATIONS ON PROGRAMS, AND INFORMALLY ITC BUFFER STOCK MANAGER INFORMS GSA PERIODICALLY OF CURRENT MARKET CONDITIONS. HOWEVER, SINCE US IS NOT A MEMBER OF ITC, USG CANNOT BE BOUND BY DECISION OF ITC NOR ASK FOR APPROVAL OF ITC BEFORE MAKING DECISIONS ON TIN

STOCKPILE RELEASES.

4. DEPT CURRENTLY CONSIDERING WHETHER OR NOT TO APPLY FOR OBSERVER STATUS AT ITC MEETINGS, BUT NO DECISION YET MADE.
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